

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

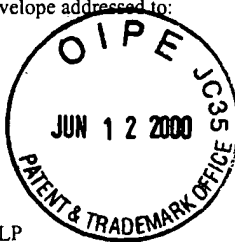
PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 16828-002010

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

On June 8, 2000

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP

By: D. Schaller
Diana M. Schaller



7/A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Geoffrey R. Ball

Application No.: 09/145,374

Filed: September 1, 1998

For: BIASING DEVICE FOR
IMPLANTABLE HEARING DEVICES

Examiner: John P. Lacyk

Art Unit: 3736

AMENDMENT

RECEIVED
JUN 15 2000
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

05/14/2000 GTEFFER 00000001 001430 05145374
01 FC:202 76.00 CM

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 15, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 18, please replace "830" with --810--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 10, 11, 14, 15, 20, and 21; please cancel claims 2, 3, 7-9, 12, 13, 16-19, 29, and 30; please add new claims 35-39, as shown. All pending claims have been reproduced for ease of reference.

- 1 1. (Amended) An implantable hearing device comprising:
- 2 a transducer which produces vibrations in response to an electrical signal; and
- 3 a connecting member having a first end connected to the transducer and a
- 4 second end adapted to connect [connectable] to a component of a human ear, wherein the

A'

27